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FOR ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR FOR TREATY AFFAIRS

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SUBJECT: TREATY OF AMITY AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

1. DIRECTOR GENERAL ECONOMIC DIVISION CALLED ECON COUNSELOR TO MOFA AFTERNOON NOVEMBER 29. PRESENTED DRAFT NOTE WHICH STATES ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENT WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1978 AND RTG WISHES ASSURE PROVISIONS OF SUBJECT BILATERAL TREATY, WHICH GRANTS U.S. MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT, WILL NOT APPLY TO PREFERENCES OR PRIVILEGES WHICH THAILAND GRANTS TO OTHER MEMBERS ASEAN. DIRECTOR GENERAL REQUESTED OUR VIEWS ON DRAFT NOTE PRIOR TO FORMAL PRESENTATION OF NOTE. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE.

2. VERBATIM TEXT OF NOTE FOLLOWS: BEGIN QUOTE:

EXCELLENCY,

I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT THE AGREEMENT ON ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS SIGNED AT MANILA
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ON 24 FEBRUARY 1977 HAS NOW BEEN RATIFIED BY ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) AND THAT ITS PROVISIONS WILL BE IMPLEMENTED AS FROM 1 JANUARY 1978. UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, TRADE PREFERENCES WILL BE EXCHANGED AMONG ASEAN MEMBER COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE EXPANSION OF TRADE, INVESTMENT AND PRODUCTION OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE ASEAN REGION.

IN VIEW OF THE EXISTING TREATY OF AMITY AND ECONOMIC
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF THAILAND AND THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA, EFFECTED BY EXCHANGE OF RATIFICATIONS AT
WASHINGTON D.C. ON 8 MAY 1968 AND OF THE IMPORTANCE THAILAND
ATTACHES TO THE REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION,
I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PROPOSE, ON BEHALF OF THE
GOVERNMENT OF THAILAND, THAT THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE VIII
OF THE SAID TREATY REGARDING MOST-FAVORED-NATION TREATMENT WITH
RESPECT TO TAXES, DUTIES OR OTHER CHARGES IN CONNECTION WITH THE
IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF GOODS SHALL NOT APPLY TO ANY
ADVANTAGES, PREFERENCES OR PRIVILEGES WHICH THAILAND HAS GRANTED
OR MAY HEREAFTER GRANT TO OTHER MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ASSOCIATION
OF SOUTH EAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN) BY VIRTUE OF THE AGREEMENT
ON ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS MENTIONED ABOVE OR OF
ANY SUPPLEMENTAL ARRANGEMENTS MADE WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK P
OF THE SAID AGREEMENT.

IF THE ABOVE PROPOSAL IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, I HAVE THE HONOUR TO PROPOSE THAT
THE PRESENT NOTE AND YOUR EXCELLENCY'S REPLY TO THAT EFFECT
SHALL CONSTITUTE AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES IN THIS
MATTER, WHICH SHALL ENTER INTO FORCE ON THE DATE OF YOUR EXCELLENCY'S
NOTE IN REPLY.

ACCEPT, EXCELLENCY, THE RENEWED ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST
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CONSIDERATION. END QUOTE.

3. COPY OF ASEAN AGREEMENT ON PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGE-
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